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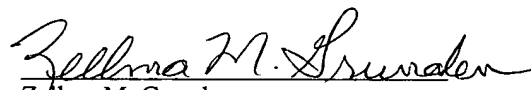
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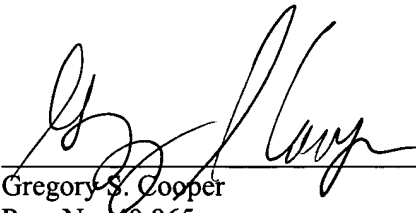
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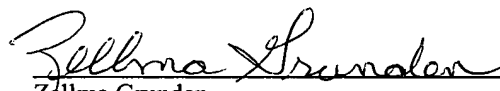
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 1, 2004, in connection with the
above-identified application, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, without any
amendments required.

On pages 2 and 3 of the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 12, 17, 18, 22, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38, 39, 47, 48, 50, 51 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Discenzo (U.S. Patent 6,434,512).

Pursuant an interview with Supervisory Patent Examiner Barlow on May 14, 2004, the Discenzo Patent, as well as all of the rejected claims, were discussed. Examiner Barlow indicated that after review of the Discenzo Patent and the other prior art of record, he determined that none of the references read on the pending claims of this application. In light of this review, it was agreed that the application is allowable.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) under Discenzo is respectively requested. It is believed that all the Claims 1 through 39, 47, 48, 50, 51, and 53 are allowable without amendment.

Despite the Examiner's indication that the amendment filed on March 18, 2004, did not comply with 37 CFR 1.121 because Claim 40 was missing from the amendment, it was indicated during the interview that Applicants do not need to submit a revised set of claims in this Request for Reconsideration.

If upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remain outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' patent counsel at the telephone number given below to discuss such issues.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. To the extent additional fees are required, please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (28908/82353) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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